

YEAR'S OUTLOOK FOR PEACE.

1905 TO BE A CRITICAL TIME IN
WORLD'S HISTORY.Russia's Fate Demands Most Attention—
America Has Gained Wide Recognition
as a World Power During Year
Just Closed—Business Outlook Good.Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, Dec. 31.—The crisis in the
world's history, which the year now closed
has developed so rapidly, is, in the opinion
of the most careful observers, approaching
its climax. Its effects will influence the
destinies of nations throughout the cen-
tury and beyond.No one denies the momentous importance
of the situation upon which the new year
dawns. No one doubts that 1905 will wit-
ness sufficient progress in the solution of
the problem of European and Asiatic desti-
nities to indicate the trend of development
during many succeeding decades. In a
word, we are entering upon the most critical
year of modern human record. There
the agreement ends.There are those who believe that Japan's
comet-like appearance in the firmament
will be followed by a sudden waning. There
are those who believe, on the other hand,
that we shall see before another year the
disruption of the Russian Empire and the
remaking of the map of Europe and Asia.
Those who share the latter opinion are
increasing in numbers daily, among states-
men, as well as general observers, through-
out Europe. Their thoughts are anxiously
devoted to the grave problem of whether
such a national tragedy can be enacted
without destroying the world's general
peace. It can be happily said that the
general view is a hopeful one.Much encouragement is found in the
successful solution of the two serious war
crises of the last year between Great Britain
and Russia. It is recognized that the un-
scrupulous men who possess almost domi-
nant influence in Russia's affairs may in
the desperate situations which are likely
to arise seek to embroil that unhappy
country with other Powers. Their powers
for evil in this direction are undoubtedly
great, but their malevolent motives will be
so obvious that it is hoped the other Powers
will show sufficient self-restraint, and even
ignore insults if necessary. No Govern-
ment, least of all Great Britain's, against
which such a policy would most likely be
adopted, would violate its duty to popular
clamor in resorting to studied provocation
from such a source.Aside from the Russian crisis no serious
danger threatens the fortunes of the new
year in Europe. On the contrary, the situa-
tion is distinctly better than a year ago.
King Edward's great act of statesmanship
in achieving an Anglo-French entente
has provided the most potent safeguard
for peace the world now possesses. One
event alone might seriously disturb the
situation, and that fortunately does not
appear to be imminent. The death of
Francis Joseph would let loose a whirl-
wind of conflicting ambition at Berlin,
Vienna and Budapest, which might work
disaster to central Europe. As long as
the Austrian Emperor lives, however, dis-
turbances like the present Hungarian crisis
will not outgrow domestic proportions.No recent year has dawned with such
encouraging prospects for the general wel-
fare of the people as that which opens to-
morrow. Lord Rothchild said the other
day that he believed 1905 would be the
greatest business year London has ever
known. The situation, aside from the war,
seems to justify fully this cheerful prophecy.
The financial outlook certainly never was
brighter. The expectation of the inner
circles of high finance that Russia will find
some means to bring the war to an end
early in the year, in order to devote her-
self to domestic problems, is entitled to
serious consideration, although the basis
for this belief is quite invisible to ordinary
observers.America has gained wider recognition
as a world power in European estimation
in 1904 than ever before, and the year closes
with European attention concentrated
more upon her future policy of non-
interference in the Western Hemisphere
than any public question except the
Eastern war. The Sun's proposal for a
naval compact on a business basis between
the United States and Great Britain is the
topic of the hour in diplomatic circles.It is recognized as a suggested first step
toward cooperation in development
of defense of the two English-speaking
peoples which Continental changes are
beginning to fear is the inevitable develop-
ment of political history. Europe will
do everything in its power to prevent or
delay its consummation. It has no weapons
at its command at the present moment,
but it trusts the future to provide some
occasion to provoke discord. It is safe
to assume that Germany has not yet aban-
doned her covetous longings toward South
America, but she seems to have a combina-
tion as THE SUN proposes the defeat of
all her hopes.It is impossible in justice to refrain from
chronicling the fact in connection with
the great growth of American prestige in
the past year that Europe ungrudgingly
recognizes in John Hay the ablest states-
man of his day.Turning again to Russia's unhappy fate,
it must be said that Europe is unanimous
in regarding the Czar's method of meeting
the crisis indicated by the two Imperial
rescripts of the present week as the weak-
est and most futile course that could possi-
bly be adopted. The manifesto shows
indecision in every line, and indecision
in the face of the existing emergency is not-
hing less than a crime. The best interpreta-
tion of the Czar's decision seems to be that
he is not completely under the domination
of the bureaucratic cabal, otherwise the
document would have been at least strong
and outspokenly repressive in its tendency.
However, it is clearly opposed to all real
reform, and therefore deeply offends both
sides, and the Emperor has no real supporters
in his position of impossible compromise.The action of the zemstvos, beginning
with Moscow, in declining as a protest
against the refusal of reform has the gravest
significance. These councils are responsi-
ble for the maintenance of the families
of all the soldiers now in the war, besides
provincial tributes to the Imperial treasury.
These councils can, if united, paralyze the
Government and the Manchurian campaign
more effectively than the Japanese, and the
indications are that they will do so.writes that the immediate effect of the
manifesto is that the entire civil population
outside of the bureaucracy, rich and poor
alike, openly talk disloyalty. There is
general despair over this last proof of the
Czar's utter incompetency. The popula-
tion recognizes that its solidarity is on
trial, and there are hints, by many who are
too impatient to resist quieter attractions,
of plots and bombs, which now for the first
time are discussed since the death of M.
de Plehve. The bureaucracy will sacrifice
everything to keep the army in a mood to
fire on whomsoever the chiefs order.Plots and bombs there will be in Russia
before long. It can only be hoped that they
will be directed against the real enemies
of the country who are responsible for its
ruin and humiliation.INJUSTICE IN GERMAN ARMY.
Contrasted Fate of Soldiers Guilty of
Assault and Officer of Murder.
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Not long ago THE SUN
chronicled the fate of some unfortunate
soldiers at Dossau who were sentenced
to five years penal servitude for striking a
drunken sergeant who had insulted and
threatened to do violence with his sword
to the soldiers' girl friends.The Leipziger Volkszeitung has aroused
public indignation by again contrasting
the fate of these two privates with that
of Ensign Huesner, who for killing in the
streets of Essen a private who uninten-
tionally omitted to salute him was sen-
tenced to two years imprisonment in a
fortress at Ehrenbreitstein. The paper
prints a flashlight photograph of the room
in the fortress, which is comfortably and
even luxuriously furnished, in which three
men, one of whom is Huesner, are sitting
with their glasses filled with wine at a
table on which are numerous empty bot-
tles. The Volkszeitung complains that
Huesner is permitted to leave the fortress
frequently to amuse himself in the neigh-
boring villages and occasionally to visit
Coblenz.The public indignation caused by many
such cases has apparently not been with-
out effect. Regulations have been issued
at the express wish of the Kaiser having
for their object the elimination from the
army of elements which tend to brutalize
it. The regulations provide that no sol-
diers convicted of assault or similar offences
of violence before enlistment will in the
future be promoted or reenlisted when they
have served their time in the ranks. Non-
commissioned officers who have been pun-
ished for mistreating soldiers will not be
retained in the army after the expiration
of a normal period of service.VATICAN'S NEW POLICY.
More Cordial Relations to Be Had With
the Italian Government.
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.ROME, Dec. 31.—In the course of a con-
versation upon the policy of the Vatican
toward Italy between one whose fame is
world wide and whose words are authority
and a correspondent of THE SUN, the former
made the following points:
In regard to Italy the Vatican will follow
a policy based on cordial, close relations.
The non expedit is suppressed de facto, but
not de jure. For the recent legislative
and administrative elections the watch-
word for participation in the voting emanated
directly from Cardinal Merry del Val, the
Papal Secretary of State, as though the non
expedit did not exist.The Vatican will support the accession
to power of men who are non-militant
clericals, but who are able to reinforce the
party of order. The Vatican is opposed to
the creation of a clerical Parliamentary
party. If a Deputy in Parliament raises a
question of a nature to place the Catholic
Deputies in a false position between their
duties as Italians and Catholics, as for
example, on the Roman question, the said
deputies will declare that such questions
are regarded exclusively by the Vatican
itself as its own diplomacy.Articles on the non expedit and the annual
grant of three millions to the Holy See by
the laws of guarantees, which appeared in
the Civita Cattolica recently and created
a sensation in the whole of Italy, were
written by a celebrated Jesuit at the order
and inspiration of Cardinal Merry del Val.PORTER IS TO RETIRE.
Our Ambassador to Russia Sends in His
Resignation.
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.PARIS, Dec. 31.—Gen. Horace Porter, the
American Ambassador, has asked to be
relieved of his duties. He intends to return
to New York to be with his children and
attend to his private interests. He has
spent twenty-five years in the Government
service, eight of them in charge of the
French Embassy.
Foreign Minister Delcassé expressed great
regret on hearing that his relations with
Gen. Porter, always exceptionally friendly,
were to be severed.COUNTERFEITERS HELD.
American Member of the Gang Says He
Is Herbert Robinson.
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.LONDON, Dec. 31.—The three men and
the woman arrested yesterday on suspicion
of being members of a gang that has been
counterfeiting and passing Bank of Eng-
land five-pound notes were before the
magistrates this morning. The American
member of the party says that his name
is Herbert Robinson and that he is a pro-
fessional singer. He is over six feet in
height, of dark complexion and is believed
to be a Jew. The prisoners were remanded.For Excavations at Herculeum.
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
ROME, Dec. 31.—Scientific and official
circles are very much interested in the
proposal Prof. Waldstein of Cambridge
University, England, has made to the
Government to carry on excavations at
Herculeum. It is likely that the Govern-
ment will accept the proposition on the
condition that Italy controls the excava-
tions, so as to prevent the exportation
of any objects that may be found.New Honor for Cassini.
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—The Alex-
ander Nevski order, set in brilliant, has
been conferred upon Count Cassini, Russian
Ambassador at Washington, in honor of his
jubilee of diplomatic service.Senator Clark Coming Home.
Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
PARIS, Dec. 31.—Senator William A.
Clark of Montana and his wife and daughter
will sail for the United States on the Kron-
prinz next Wednesday.Kills Himself on Second Attempt.
ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 31.—Police Ser-
geant Edward R. Merrill, who shot himself
in the head at police headquarters two
weeks ago to-day, succeeded in killing
himself this morning. He went into the
kitchen of his home at 505 Walnut street
at 2 o'clock and shot himself. The bullet
went through the top of his head. Before
he fired the shot he said by the stove for
hour or so smoking a pipe. He had arisen
from bed complaining of a pain in his head.PERUNA PROVIDES PROTECTION
AGAINST THE ILLS OF WINTER.

MISS MINNIE LANGLOTZ

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COUGHS, COLDS, BRONCHITIS, PNEUMONIA, LAGRIFFE, ARE ALL DIFFERENT FORMS OF CATARRH.

Women of America! Read the experience of Miss Langlotz and Mrs. Clow. It may save your Health.

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Mrs. Clow Has Used Peruna With Benefit for Coughs, Colds and Catarrh.

Mrs. Christian Clow, 213 E. Harrison street, Colorado Springs, Col., writes:

"I have taken Peruna off and on for six years and have found it very beneficial in a great many ways.

"I took it for a cough and cold, also for catarrh of the head, and it cured me.

"I took it for a tonic and to give me strength and I have every reason to speak well of your medicine."

We have on file thousands of testimonials like the ones given above. We can give our readers only a slight glimpse of the vast array of unsolicited endorsements Dr. Hartman is constantly receiving.

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If you suffer from a cold, do not neglect it. Take Peruna at once.

Peruna acts directly on the vaso-motor system of nerves, which give tonicity to these overcrowded vessels and enable them to regain their usual elasticity, and thus prevents further derangement.

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SQUATTER'S RIGHTS NO GO.

STARR DOESN'T OWN TWO BLOCKS ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE.

He'd Been There So Long, Beginning When It Was a World of Goats, That He Thought a Few Million Dollars Worth of Goat Pasture His for Keeps.

Forty years ago Michael Starr and his wife, Ann, took possession, as squatters, of a small piece of land facing on what is now Riverside Drive, between 110th and 118th streets. Later they laid claim by "squatter's right" to the entire tract bounded by the Drive, Claremont avenue and the two streets. Yesterday Supreme Court Justice Davis decided, after a careful review of all the facts on which the Starrs based their title, that they have no rights in the property and that other persons are the legal owners.

The entire tract claimed by the Starrs is an extensive one, but the actual piece of property involved in the action decided by Justice Davis is legally described as follows:

"Beginning at a point distant 107 feet northerly from the northeastern corner of Riverside Drive and 110th street thence northerly along the easterly side of Riverside Drive, 57 feet 7 inches; thence easterly, parallel with 110th street, 124 feet; thence southerly, parallel with Riverside Drive, 57 feet 6 inches; thence westerly, parallel with 110th street, 124 feet to the beginning."

These premises are merely a portion of all that the Starrs laid claim to as squatters. The whole tract being estimated to be worth several million dollars. According to the present valuation of Riverside property.

When the couple, who are now aged, settled there and built a but overlooking the Hudson, furnishing it with a few meagre household utensils, the surrounding land was a barren waste of rocky ground. They raised goats and chickens, and afterward moved into an abandoned tavern house. There they brought up a family and supported themselves in a more or less haphazard manner.

Year by year different persons and corporations appeared, laying claims to the land, and gradually the Starr farm was encroached upon, notwithstanding the old farmer's bitter protests and active resistance. Among the claimants were the New York Hospital, Joseph Larocque, Lucius H. Beers and Samuel H. Spingarn.

The last is the defendant in the suit decided by Justice Davis.

About a year ago, Starr with his family was driven away from the farm altogether, and settled five blocks up, at 121st street. The but which had been his home was demolished, but he still laid claim to the property and constantly guarded it. Finally he brought an action to have it determined that he was the rightful owner, by what is known in law as "adverse possession."

Starr attempted to prove that he held the land under a deed from one Edward Delany, but Justice Davis says that he is not satisfied that any such deed ever existed, it not being produced at the trial. Furthermore, Delany was but a rent collecting agent for Powers and White, the former owners.

It was admitted that on the occasions of the Grant and Dewey parades viewing stands were erected on the property without opposition from Starr, by persons who said they owned the land, and signs advertising the land for sale on behalf of these persons were permitted to stand on the land. Starr, says Justice Davis, never paid any taxes or assessments, but he did pay a nominal rent, \$2 a month, at one time to Beers. Reasoning from all the facts, Justice Davis says it is clear that Starr by his own conduct indicated that he considered himself simply a squatter or a temporary tenant, as his circumstances demanded. His complaint is therefore dismissed, and judgment directed for Spingarn.

OLD COAL BREAKER GONE.

First One Ever Built in the Anthracite Region Is Torn Down.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 31.—The old Dundee coal breaker, the oldest in the anthracite region, and situated a few miles below this city, has just been torn down to make room for the third of the large breakers now being erected by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company on the tract of land which was originally the Dundee tract, and which is now the richest coal basin in the anthracite region.

The old breaker was erected in 1850, soon after the tract of land had been purchased by the late Charles Parrish. He sank a shaft 851 feet deep before reaching the Hillman vein, 15 feet thick and one of the finest in the region. With anticipations of a great fortune a tunnel was run into the vein. Then, however, such a volume of gas was encountered that, despite all the appliances of the period for ventilation, the miners found it impossible to work in the vein.

In those days a furnace was built at the head of the out-taking airshaft to create a draught, but so great was the volume of gas which rushed out that the woodwork of the furnace room was set on fire. Other devices were tried and failed, and the colliery was finally abandoned. Since then the great improvements in methods of ventilation have made the working of such a colliery practically safe.

The tract was acquired by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company in 1869 and is composed of 6,600 acres of coal, the thickness of which is 10 feet. At the lower end of the bed the Bliss and Auchincloss collieries have been operated for some time, and now it is being erected the Dundee, which is to be followed by the Loomis and the Phillips, each colliery being of large capacity. The collieries are to be equipped with electricity.

Now For Business.

Tuesday, Jan'y 3rd

The entire stock of our Imported Cloths will be Reduced 25% to 33%

In order to close out at once all remaining fabrics.

No Reservations.

Burnham & Phillips

Custom Tailoring Only.

119 & 121 Nassau St.

Mayors' Appointments.

Mayor McClellan will appoint to-morrow a new Municipal Court Justice for Richmond in place of John J. Kenney, who was elected District Attorney for the county, and a new Board of Elections. The applicants to the board will be John R. Voorhis and Charles B. Page of Manhattan and Michael J. Dady and John McGuire of Brooklyn.

H.O'Neil & Co.

Annual Clearance Sale of
Women's, Misses' and Children's
COATS and SUITS

Women's Velvet Suits.	Women's Velour Coats.
The \$35.00 Suits at..... \$20.00	The \$18.00 Coats at..... \$9.75
The \$45.00 Suits at..... \$25.00	The \$17.50 Coats at..... \$20.00
The \$65.00 Suits at..... \$35.00	The \$45.00 Coats at..... \$25.00
The \$75.00 Suits at..... \$39.00	The \$65.00 Coats at..... \$35.00
Women's Cloth Suits.	Women's Cloth Coats.
(Long Coat Models.)	
The \$30.00 Suits at..... \$16.00	The \$15.00 Jackets at..... \$7.75
The \$40.00 Suits at..... \$22.50	The \$20.00 Jackets at..... \$11.75
The \$50.00 Suits at..... \$25.00	The \$25.00 Coats at..... \$15.00
The \$29.50 Suits at..... \$10.00	The \$35.00 Long Coats at..... \$20.00
Misses' and Children's Coats and Suits.	
The \$15.00 Junior Suits..... \$6.75	The \$12.00 Gretchen Coats..... \$5.00
The \$20.00 Misses' Suits..... \$10.00	The \$2 & \$3 Children's Dresses, 1.00

New Wool Dress Goods
For Spring, 1905

We are showing a splendid collection of English Mohairs, Checks and Tartan Plaids—some of the leading stylish dress materials for the coming season—qualities and prices will bear the most careful comparison with what you will see elsewhere.

Excellent and complete lines of New Spring Crepes, taking in all the new tints. They are all imported, made from pure silk and wool, and values that are not surpassed at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.98 and \$2.25 per yard.

\$3.50 Black Broadcloth at \$2.25 a Yard.

(At Regular Black Dress Goods Counter.)

We offer a very fine superior satin finished Broadcloth (which rain drops will not spot), the regular value of which is \$3.50 per yard—this is a magnificent cloth and offered for Tuesday only, at..... \$2.25

Sale of White Silks and Satins
Tuesday, January 3.

MESSALINE SATIN, FLAU-DE-CYGNÉ, FLAU-DE-SOIR, SATIN DUCHESSE, SATIN LIBERTY and CRÉPE-DE-CHINE—Special per yard..... 59c

2,400 yards WHITE CHIFFON TAFFETA and Satin Liberty—Special per yard..... 45c

Advance styles are now being shown in New Spring Silks which will be popular the coming season—Printed warps, Crepe-de-Chine, Satins, Taffetas and additional lines of Satin Foulards.

New Wash Fabrics—Spring, 1905
(First Floor, Rear.)

Among our display of New Spring Wash Fabrics the following are worthy of special mention. These will be placed on sale in the Wash Goods aisle (rear) for Tuesday and Wednesday's selling at cut prices:—

1,000 yards PRINTED ORGANDIES—30 inches wide, in a choice assortment of large floral designs, printed in the newest colorings—value 35c per yard; at..... 19c

2,000 yards SILK ORGANDIE—A dainty new weave, half silk and cotton, copies of the imported kinds—regular 50c, grade—Special, per yard..... 27c

1,750 yards WHITE MERCERIZED MADRAS—A large assortment of stripes in lace effects, damask patterns and new small designs—values up to 30c per yard—Special at..... 25c

New Embroideries for Spring
(Enlarged Department, new location, First Floor, 21st St. Side.)

We show a splendid assortment of the latest creations from St. Gall and other European centres—Edgings, Insertings, Galloons, Bands, Corset Covers, Flouncings, detachable Galloons, Medallions and All Overs, embroidered on Nainsook, Mull, Cambric, Swiss, linen and canvas. They come in every desirable width and are mostly to be had in match sets—prices throughout are moderate.

Special—A fine assortment of CORSET COVERS and DELMI FLOUNCES will be placed on sale at, per yard..... 25c

Worth double and more.

We Continue the Sale of
Women's Muslin Underwear
With Several New and Splendid Values

CAMBRIC CORSET COVERS	CORSET COVERS, GOWNS, DRAWERS, PETTICOATS and SHORT SKIRTS; special at.....
—trimmed with lace, pearl buttons, all sizes.....	44c
FRENCH CORSET COVERS	CORSET COVERS, GOWNS, CHEMISES, SKIRTS, DRAWERS and SHORT SKIRTS; special at.....
—beautifully trimmed with double row of lace inserting, sleeves and neck trimmed—usually 29c; special at.....	69c
DRAWERS	CORSET COVERS, GOWNS, PETTICOATS, SKIRT CHEMISES and SHORT SKIRTS; special at.....
—with deep embroidery flounce; others with cluster hemstitched tucks, also lace and eye tucking, all styles, open and closed—value 29c; special at.....	93c
	CORSET COVERS, GOWNS, DRAWERS, PETTICOATS and SKIRT CHEMISES; special at.....
	\$1.19

Our Annual Linen Sale
Commences Tuesday, January 3

Assortments represent the leading manufacturers—here are a few of the many lines on Special Sale.

(First Floor, rear.)

Table Linens and Napkins.	Sheets and Pillow Cases.
4,000 IRISH LINEN DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS—Exquisite New Patterns.	Hemmed and Hemstitched. HEMMED SHEETS AND CASES—We offer 4,200 dozen for this sale of high-class Muslin Hemmed Sheets and Cases—made up in the best manner possible, at prices below the actual cost of the muslin by the yard.
8x 4 size—from \$1.75 to \$3.50	OUR NO. 30.
8x10 size—from 2.10 to 7.50	\$4.90 63/90 72/90 81/90 90/90
8x12 size—from 2.75 to 9.50	39c 47c 53c 59c 65c
2,000 EXTRA HEAVY PURE LINEN SCOTCH CLOTHS—In length of two to four yards long (dropped patterns), so called because the manufacturer discontinued these patterns this year.	OUR NO. 50.
25% Below Wholesale Prices	48c 55c 60c 65c 72c
From \$1.75 to \$16.50 each, according to size and quality.	6,250 Doreen HMD. FELLOW CASES—73c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 18c, 20c, each.
6,500 NAPKINS—Of German, Irish and Scotch manufacture, in Breakfast size, Dinner size, \$1.85, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.98 up to \$8.50.	4,000 Dozen HELMSTITCHED FELLOW CASES—12c, 15c, 18c, 20c, 22c and 25c each.
	HELMSTITCHED SHEETS—65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c each.

Tuesday Next We Commence Our Annual January Sale of Furniture, Upholstery and Bedding

Everything (with a few exceptions) is reduced 1/4, 1/3 and 1/2 Under Former Prices

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